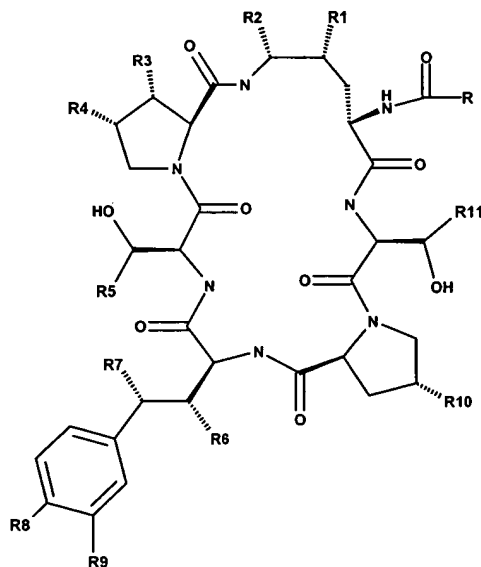


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An echinocandin/carbohydrate complex comprising a carbohydrate ~~and complexed with~~ an echinocandin compound represented by the following structure:



wherein:

R is an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an aryl group, heteroaryl group, or combinations thereof;

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₆, R₇, and R₁₀ are independently hydroxy or hydrogen;

R₄ is hydrogen, methyl or -CH₂C(O)NH₂;

R₅ and R₁₁ are independently methyl or hydrogen;

R₈ is -OH, -OSO₃H, -OPO₃H₂, -OPO₃HR^a, or -OPO₂HR^a, where R^a is hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy, *p*-halophenyl, *p*-halophenoxy, *p*-nitrophenyl, *p*-nitrophenoxy, benzyl, benzyloxy, *p*-halobenzyl, *p*-halobenzyloxy, *p*-nitrobenzyl, or *p*-nitrobenzyloxy;

R_9 is -H, -OH, or -OSO₃H; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts or hydrates thereof.

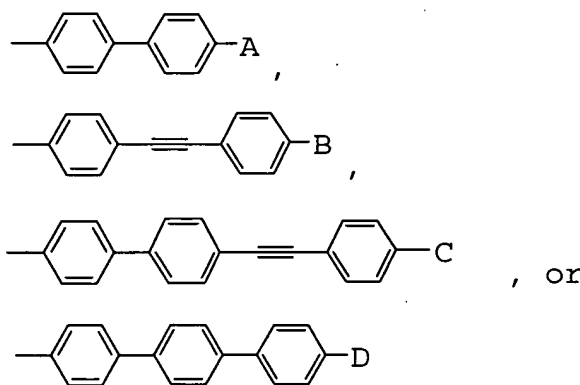
Claim 2 (Original): The complex of Claim 1 wherein

R_4 , R_5 and R_{11} are each methyl;

R_2 and R_7 are independently hydrogen or hydroxy; R_1 , R_3 , R_6 and R_{10} are each hydroxy;

R_8 is -OH, -OPO₃HR^a, or -OPO₂HR^a, where R^a is methyl;

R is linoleoyl, palmitoyl, stearoyl, myristoyl, 12-methylmyristoyl, 10,12-dimethylmyristoyl, or a group having the general structure:



where A, B, C and D are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₂-C₁₂ alkynyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, C₁-C₁₂ alkylthio, halo, or -O-(CH₂)_m-[O-(CH₂)_n]_p-O-(C₁-C₁₂ alkyl) or -O-(CH₂)_q-X-E; m is 2, 3 or 4;

n is 2, 3 or 4; p is 0 or 1; q is 2, 3 or 4;

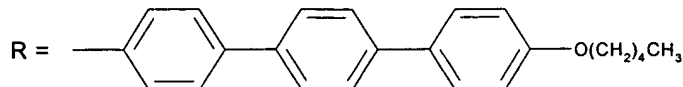
X is pyrrolidino, piperidino or piperazino;

E is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₃-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, benzyl or C₃-C₁₂ cycloalkylmethyl.

Claim 3 (Original): The complex of claim 2 wherein

R_2 and R_7 are each hydroxy;

R_8 is hydroxy; and



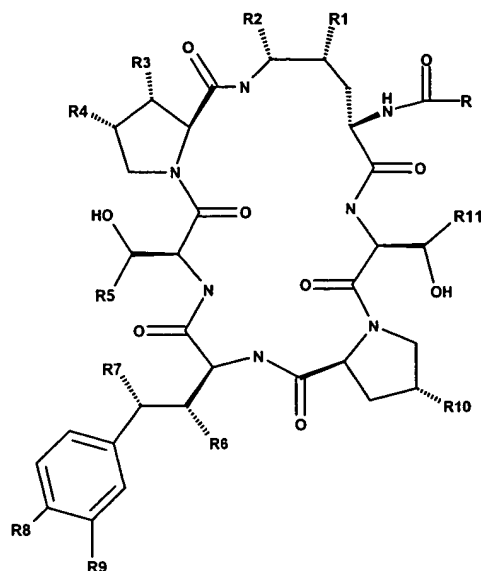
Claim 4 (Original): The complex of Claim 1 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of adonitol, arabinose, arabitol, ascorbic acid, chitin, D-cellubiose, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, dulcitol, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, fructose, fucose, galactose, glucose, inositol, lactose, lactulose, lyxose, maltitol, maltose, maltotriose, mannitol, mannose, melezitose, melibiose, microcrystalline cellulose, palatinose, pentaerythritol, raffinose, rhamnose, ribose, sorbitol, sorbose, starch, sucrose, trehalose, xylitol, xylose and hydrates thereof.

Claim 5 (Original): The complex of Claim 3 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of L-arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, D-fructose, D-(+)-fucose, L-fucose, D-galactose, α -D-glucose, β -D-glucose, L-glucose, D-lyxose, L-lyxose, maltitol, D-maltose, maltotriose, D-mannose, melezitose, palatinose, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-ribose, D-sorbitol, D-trehalose, xylitol, L-xylose and hydrates thereof.

Claim 6 (Original): The complex of Claim 5 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of L-arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, D-fructose, D-(+)-fucose, L-fucose, D-galactose, β -D-glucose, D-lyxose, L-lyxose, D-maltose, maltotriose, melezitose, palatinose, D-raffinose, D-sorbitol, D-trehalose, xylitol, L-xylose and hydrates thereof.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A Echinocandin/carbohydrate crystalline complex by the steps of:

- (a) providing an echinocandin compound represented by the following structure



wherein

R is an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an aryl group, heteroaryl group, or combinations thereof,

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₆, R₇, and R₁₀ are independently hydroxy or hydrogen,

R₄ is hydrogen, methyl or -CH₂C(O)NH₂,

R₅ and R₁₁ are independently methyl or hydrogen,

R₈ is -OH, -OSO₃H, -OPO₃H₂, -OPO₃HR^a, or -OPO₂HR^a, where R^a is hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy, *p*-halophenyl, *p*-halophenoxy, *p*-nitrophenyl, *p*-nitrophenoxy, benzyl, benzyloxy, *p*-halobenzyl, *p*-halobenzyloxy, *p*-nitrobenzyl, or *p*-nitrobenzyloxy;

R₉ is -H, -OH, or -OSO₃H, and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts or hydrates thereof;

(b) mixing together said echinocandin compound of step (a) to a carbohydrate in a solvent to form a mixture;

(c) heating said mixture to solubilize said echinocandin compound and to solubilize or disperse said carbohydrate;

(d) allowing said mixture to cool to produce said echinocandin/carbohydrate complex; and

(e) isolating said echinocandin/carbohydrate complex.

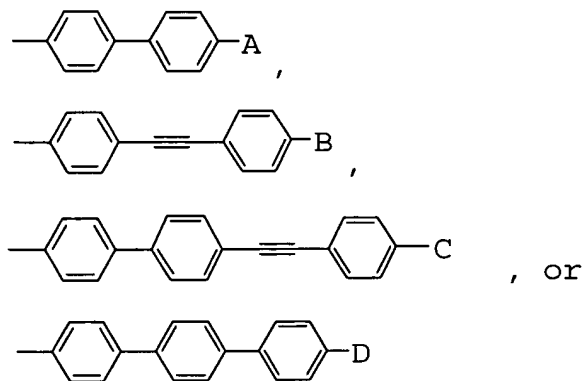
Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 7 wherein

R_4 , R_5 and R_{11} are each methyl;

R_2 and R_7 are independently hydrogen or hydroxyl; R_1 , R_3 , R_6 and R_{10} are each hydroxy;

R_8 is $-OH$, $-OPO_3HR^a$, or $-OPO_2HR^a$, where R^a is methyl;

R is linoleoyl, palmitoyl, stearoyl, myristoyl, 12-methylmyristoyl, 10, 12-dimethylmyristoyl, or a group having the general structure:



where A, B, C, and D are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{12} alkylthio, halo, or $-O-(CH_2)_m-[O-(CH_2)_n]_p-O-(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$ or $-O-(CH_2)_q-X-E$;

m is 2, 3 or 4;

n is 2, 3, or 4; p is 0 or 1; q is 2, 3 or 4;

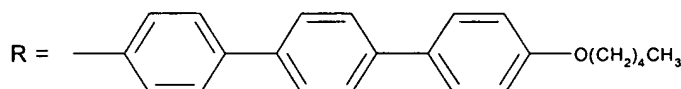
X is pyrrolidino, piperidino or piperazino;

E is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₃-C₁₂ cycloalkyl, benzyl or C₃-C₁₂ cycloalkylmethyl.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The complex of claim 8 wherein

R₂ and R₇ are each hydroxyl;

R₈ is hydroxyl; and



Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 7 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of adonitol, arabinose, arabitol, ascorbic acid, chitin, D-cellubiose, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, dulcitol, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, fructose, fucose, galactose, glucose, inositol, lactose, lactulose, lyxose, maltitol, maltose, maltotriose, mannitol, mannose, melezitose, melibiose, microcrystalline cellulose, palatinose, pentaerythritol, raffinose, rhamnose, ribose, sorbitol, sorbose, starch, sucrose, trehalose, xylitol and hydrates thereof.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 9 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of L-arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, D-fructose, D-(+)-fucose, L-fucose, D-galactose, α -D-glucose, β -D-glucose, L-glucose, D-lyxose, L-lyxose, maltitol, D-maltose, maltotriose, D-mannose, melezitose, palatinose, D-raffinose, L-rhamnose, D-ribose, D-sorbitol, D-trehalose, xylitol, L-xylose and hydrates thereof.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 9 wherein said carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of L-arabinose, D-arabitol, L-arabitol, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, (S)-(+)-erythrulose, D-fructose, D-(+)-fucose, L-fucose, D-galactose, β -D-glucose, D-lyxose, L-lyxose, D-maltose, maltotriose, melezitose, palatinose, D-raffinose, D-sorbitol, D-trehalose, xylitol, L-xylose and hydrates thereof.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 7 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, benzyl alcohol, mixtures of benzyl alcohol with methanol, ethanol,

n-propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, 2-butanol, t-butanol, 2-pentanol, 2-methyl-1-propanol, MEK, acetone, ethyl acetate, toluene, acetonitrile, fluorobenzene, methylene chloride, nitromethane, cyclopentanone and cyclohexanone.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 13 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, benzyl alcohol, and mixtures of benzyl alcohol with methyl ethyl ketone, ethyl acetate, and acetonitrile.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 14 wherein said solvent is methanol.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 15 wherein said carbohydrate is soluble in said methanol when heated to about 40° to 60°C.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 15 wherein said carbohydrate is highly soluble in said methanol when heated to about 40° to 60°C.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 15 wherein said carbohydrate is insoluble in said methanol when heated to about 40° to 60°C.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The complex of Claim 7 wherein said carbohydrate co-crystallizes with said echinocandin compound.

Claim 20 (Original): A process for preparing a parenteral formulation comprising the step of (i) mixing the echinocandin/carbohydrate complex of Claim 1 in an aqueous solvent..

Claim 21 (Original): The process of Claim 20 further comprising the steps of (ii) sterile filtering and (iii) freeze-drying.

Claim 22 (Original): A pharmaceutical formulation comprising the echinocandin/carbohydrate complex of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 23 (Original): The pharmaceutical formulation of Claim 22 wherein said excipient is selected from the group consisting of tonicity agents, stabilizing agents, buffers, bulking agents, surfactants, and combinations thereof.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A method for treating a fungal infection in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal the echinocandin/carbohydrate complex of Claim 1.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 24 wherein said fungal infection arises from *Candida albicans* or *Aspergillus fumigatis* activity.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A method for treating an antifungal infection in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises contacting a echinocandin/carbohydrate complex of Claim 1 with bodily fluids of said mammal, wherein said complex collapses to an amorphous form when contacted with said bodily fluids.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 26 wherein said fungal infection arises from *Candida albicans* or *Aspergillus fumigatis* activity.